COMMITTEE ON THE IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE COURTS

Minutes - Telephonic Meeting
January 4, 2012
Arizona State Courts Building
Conference Room 230
1501 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007

MEMBERS PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY:

Honorable Emmet Ronan, Chair Ms. Elizabeth Clements - *proxy for Ms*.

Honorable Keith D. Barth

Dana Martinez

Ms. Elizabeth Ditlevson - *proxy for Ms*. Honorable Cathleen Brown Nichols

Allison Bones Ms. Marla Randall

Honorable Lynn Fazz Ms. Renae Tenney

Ms. V. Michele Gamez Ms. Tracey J. Wilkinson

Professor Zelda Harris

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON:

Honorable Elizabeth Finn - proxy for Ms. Cathy Mr. John Raeder - proxy for Ms. Leah

Clarich Meyers, M.S.W.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Honorable Carol Scott Berry
Ms. Patricia Madsen, Esq.
Ms. Joi Davenport
Honorable Wendy Million
Dr. Kathy S. Deasy
Chief Jerald L. Monahan
Ms. Pegg Derrow
Ms. Kristine Reich
Ms. Gloria F. Full

Ms. Gloria E. Full Captain David Rhodes Honorable Carey S. Hyatt Ms. Andrea K. Sierra

Honorable Joseph P. Knoblock Detective Eugene J. Tokosh

STAFF:

Ms. Kay Radwanski Ms. Tama Reily

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Without a quorum present, the January 4, 2012, telephonic meeting of the Committee on the Impact of Domestic Violence and the Courts (CIDVC) was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by the Honorable Emmet J. Ronan, chair.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS/POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

B. Petition to Amend Court Rules Regarding Public Access to Unserved Protection Orders

Kay Radwanski, AOC committee staff, recapped the facts surrounding unserved protection orders and their accessibility to the public. This issue was addressed at the November CIDVC meeting, and the ARPOP Workgroup has now drafted language for a rule change petition to make protection orders confidential until proof of service is filed with the court. Ms. Radwanski presented two draft petitions, one that would amend only ARPOP, and a second that would also modify the Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure (ARFLP). She reported that Jeff Mangis from the Maricopa County Clerk's office met with the workgroup to discuss potential technical challenges from a case management perspective. He advised that the process of shielding the unserved orders should not pose any undue system issues.

Ms. Radwanski also reported that in December, she presented the draft rule petition to the presiding judges from the 15 counties. At the time, Judge Norman Davis from Maricopa County shared a concern that there is current authority under the ARFLP (family law rules) to address risks involved with unserved orders. However, it was noted that many protective orders are issued out of the limited jurisdiction courts, and the family law rules would not apply to these cases. The rule petition was also presented to the Arizona Judicial Council (AJC) and received its support. The deadline for submitting the rule change petition is January 10, 2012.

MOTION: Judge Finn moved to submit a rule change petition to

amend ARPOP and ARFLP as discussed. Motion seconded by Professor Harris. Motion passed

unanimously. CIDVC-12-001

While there was not a quorum present for the special meeting, the CIDVC members in attendance authorized Judge Ronan, CIDVC chair, to file the petition on the committee's behalf.

MOTION: Judge Finn moved to modify the final sentence of the

petition to read "the court may share information about the protective order with prosecutors or with law enforcement.

Motion seconded by Judge Barth. Motion passed

unanimously. CIDVC-12-002

MOTION: Judge Finn moved to amend the last motion to include the

plaintiff, along with prosecutors or law enforcement. Motion seconded by Judge Barth. Motion approved

unanimously. CIDVC-12-003

Ms. Radwanski explained that the petition will be filed electronically within the next several days. The petition will remain available for comment on the <u>Rules Forum</u> until May 20, 2012.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Call to the Public

No public were present.

B. Next Meeting

February 14, 2012 Conference Room 119 A/B Arizona State Courts Building 1501 W. Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.